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Title: Need to provide the facility of Rajdhani Train service to people of western Odisha.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): The Railway Ministry is operating several Rajdhani trains joining the national Capital with the State Capitals. Some Rajdhani Trains even though they go to one State Capital, take different routes. The two Rajdhani Trains to Kolkata take different routes. So also the two Rajdhani Trains to Bhubaneswar: The train no. 22811 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani goes via Kharagpur-Bankura-Adra-Koderma-Gaya route while the 22823 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani takes Kharagpur-Tatanagar-Bokaro-Gaya route to Delhi. Both the Rajdhani Trains do not touch a large part of Odisha, leaving the entire Western Odisha from its loop. People of many districts like Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Bolangir, Kalahandi, Dhenkanal, Anugul, etc. are deprived of this faster mode of transport. Keeping away people from availing the services of Rajdhani Trains is creating a sense of neglect and deprivation among the people of Western Odisha. I have raised this issue with the Railway Ministry on several occasions.

I would like to request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to kindly consider the request for providing the facility of a Rajdhani Train to the people of Western Odisha. The Railway Ministry may start operating one of the Rajdhani Trains via Jharsuguda-Sambalpur-Dhenkanal route pending starting of a new Rajdhani Train from Delhi to Bhubaneswar via Agra-Bina-Katni-Bilaspur-Sambalpur route.